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Qinglin Ma et al.

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For: VOLUME FLOW RATE WITH
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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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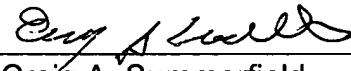
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Respectfully submitted,



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